

**KWAJALEIN SCHOOL SYSTEM  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 12, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Kwajalein School Advisory Committee (SAC) was called to order by Brad Reed, USAG-KA at 7:05 p.m. in the Coconut Room.

**Committee Members Present:**

Brad Reed, USAG-KA  
Christina Dodson, ALUTIIQ  
Stacey O'Rourke, MIT/LL  
Stephanie Sandige, PTO  
Dawn Gray, KRS  
Gustavo Aljure, DYNCORP  
Susan Davis, Lead Admin KHS/GSES  
Tom Pamperin, Teacher Representative  
Christi Cardillo, SGA

**Visitors Present:**

Mary Beth Taylor    Kristen Hosek  
Jennifer Harmon    Ron Chernobrov  
Tami Zaragoza    Christi Cardillo  
Melissa Selzler    Vanessa Wamsley  
David Dethlefsen    Brian Coombe  
Melissa Dethlefsen    Justin Stambaugh  
Pam Hess    Scott Hill  
John O'Rourke

**1) Opening Remarks**

- Brad Reed opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- Students in 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade spread some cheer by singing two holiday songs with their music teacher, Tara Smith.
- The Kwajalein JSHS Hand Chime Choir performed "Jingle Bells" with their teacher, Tim Ryan. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed hearing both groups of students perform.
- Brad Reed introduced a new SAC Committee Member. Stephanie Sandige has joined the committee as the new PTO president.
- Susan Davis introduced the newest faculty member. Kristen Hosek is the new science teacher at the Kwajalein Junior Senior High School.

**2) Monthly Reports**

**SGA Student Advisor: Christi Cardillo  
KJSHS Student Government Association**

- These past few weeks SGA has been working hard to add more to the school for the students and the staff. The seventh grade brought up the lack of working pencil sharpeners in the school. With teachers confirming the need of new pencil sharpeners, SGA voted to use their money to buy a new pencil sharpener for each classroom.
- Our Spartan Gear committee has also been working to get the website up and running to purchase Spartan merchandise.

- Communication with AAFES has been ongoing in hopes of getting a vending machine returned to the high school.
- SGA has also developed a student survey committee to survey the students quarterly on changes in the school or any items the students may want to discuss. The first survey was released last week.
- Turkey bowl was a huge success with the STEM boat building project included. Spirit days are continuing through this year with our latest being crazy sock day last Saturday.

## **Teacher Representative- Tom Pamperin**

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- George Seitz Elementary School Student Council Advisors, Misti French and Lauren Wallach, are pleased to announce the Council Officers:

President: 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Marina Dethlefsen, Vice President: 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Avery Acosta,  
Secretary: 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Alana Leines, Treasurer: 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Jagger Smith

After just a few weeks, the leadership developed their agenda, formed committees and chose committee chairs. Watch the GSES Student Council as they perform service projects for our communities, provide fun activities for the student body, including dances and spirit days, and accomplish creative fund raisers.

- In Character Counts classes, Dr. Wallach used activities and children's literature to focus on Fairness. The students discovered that fair is not always everybody getting the same thing, but rather everyone getting what they need. New vocabulary words include tolerance, justice, favoritism and equality.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading classes took their winter NWEA tests recently. Over half the students have already matched their predicted spring 2019 scores.
- The marine science class is conducting multiple research projects in conjunction with our units to learn about our ocean's health. Our research is being published through a website we are creating ([pacresearch.org](http://pacresearch.org)) to try and be advocates for a healthy ocean!
- In Physics students recently built and launched model rockets while studying Newton's Laws of Motion. Chemistry students have been exploring electron orbitals and energy levels by performing flame tests.
- Engineering students have been building and programming VEX robots and using CAD software to create 3-D models. They have also successfully installed a sun photometer in

partnership with the NASA Aeronet program that monitors particulates in the atmosphere through a worldwide network of small monitoring stations.

- 8th grade Physical Science students have been busy using Lego Mindstorm robotics and also learning about atomic structure and atomic models.
- Mrs. Cardillo's Introduction to Japanese Language Class has mastered the hiragana writing system, which is made up of 46 basic characters, and is currently working on learning katakana. They are also learning some kanji along the way, so each student will have a good introduction to the 3 writing systems of the Japanese language, as well as the sounds of the language. Students particularly enjoy trying new Japanese snacks, which are part of the cultural component of the class.
- Mrs. Cardillo's Government class finished their study of the contemporary American politics, including nominations, the campaign process, and the cost of campaigning, the election process and how to register to vote. Students each chose a state and then followed that state's election and campaign news, researched where candidates' money was coming from, and predicted winners. Mrs. Cardillo sincerely hopes each student will take advantage of their right and responsibility to vote some day.

### **Principal GSES/KHS – Susan Davis**

#### **Past:**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class took a field trip to the Post Office today where they learned about sending and receiving mail. They have been making ornaments and sending letters and will be hosting a visit by Col. DeOre on Thursday.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class is finishing up swim lessons at the Family Pool this week.
- The GSES Student Council has been assisting NHS with providing sandwiches after school for our Rikatak students.
- The Jr.-Sr. High Band and Choir Winter Concert was held yesterday, December 11th.
- The PEARLS Lunch Bunch met on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Coconut room for all students that had been recognized in the month of November for outstanding displays of productivity in school. Their picture will be displayed in the hallway of the building 351.
- Orders have been submitted for last year's curriculum cycle rotation. We are looking forward to getting both campuses on track for updating texts and curriculum resources.
- The PTO sponsored a lovely holiday breakfast for the K-12 staff on December 8<sup>th</sup> that was delicious and a lovely treat that everyone enjoyed.

#### **Present:**

- Volleyball season has come to a close. Spartans 1 play in the championship game against the teachers team tonight at 6:30pm.
- Work orders are being submitted for winter maintenance during the break.

- We are still waiting for the legal counsel to get back to us with information to move forward with reviewing our home school and special education policies. We are hopeful that we will have more news in January.

### **To Come:**

- There is an Administrative Calendar available tonight that lists the activities that have been planned for the remainder of December and January.
- The GSES winter choir program will take place at 5 pm on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The elementary school counselor will be covering bullying and anti bullying strategies in January and posters will be put up around the school. There are copies of our definition of bullying at KSS available for you tonight.
- We have some newer computers that IT is hoping to be able to install over winter break that will help in our video streaming and ability to access content from the wifi.
- We are also asking for the ability to connect the rest of our Chrome Books to the school wifi by the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- Winter break begins December 14<sup>th</sup> for students and teachers and goes through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. School resumes for all on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The school will have regular office hours on December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If families need anything from the administration, when the office is closed, I may be contacted through email during that time at [daviss@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:daviss@kwajalein-school.com).

### **SIT Update:**

- The School Improvement Team is busy gathering evidence to have ready for the AdvancEd accreditation team to review prior to the April visit.
- Fall Survey data is being compiled and will be reviewed by the leadership committee and a plan developed for sharing the information.
- The principals continue to use the Educational Learning Environment Observation Tool (ELEOT) to give feedback when visiting classrooms.
- The Education COR is visiting classrooms at both campuses to observe education in action.

### **KSS Enrollment Update:**

As of Wednesday, December 12, 2018:

High School: 116

Elementary: 121

Total K-12: 237

(down by 7 since last month, but 5 more are expected to join us in January)

### **KSS Staffing Update:**

- Today was our Speech Language Pathologist's last day of service to students. Letters went out a couple of weeks ago to parents of students receiving services to let them know that we are in the process of recruiting another SLP.

- Kristen Hosek is now teaching Science at the Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Jill Grabowski has been added to our substitute list and Ashely Howe has been working as a teacher assistant until Barlik Gold is cleared to begin.
- We are currently waiting on background clearances for 5 more substitute teachers.

### **3) Discussion/Action Items:**

#### **A. Special Education and Home School Policy review update**

- Special Education Policy review update – waiting on legal counsel
- Home School Policy review update – waiting on legal counsel

#### **B. Kwajalein School Policy Review Update**

- The SAC is currently looking at the current Kwajalein School Policies as part of their yearly review. They have recently started to discuss the 2020/2021 school calendar.

#### **C. Important Dates of future SAC meetings**

1. 16 January 2019
2. 20 February 2019
3. 20 March 2019

### **4) Public Feedback & Council Comments**

Brad Reed opened the floor to the audience.

- There were no comments or questions at this time.

### **Closing Committee Remarks**

- Next SAC meeting will be January 16.
- Upcoming presentations will include the web portal, outside organizations, and marine biology.
- Brad Reed encouraged everyone to reach out directly to the school with concerns or input on the 2020/21 school calendar.

### **Future Agenda Planning**

- Agendas will note future policy or non-policy issues up for discussion

### **5) Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Susan Davis, K-12 Lead Administrator Kwajalein School System

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Brad Reed, Chairperson, SAC